

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 340  
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A RESOLUTION to designate a certain bridge spanning Hickory Creek in Warren County as the "Ernest Crouch Memorial Bridge".

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, performed their elected duties with skill and humanity and who set a sterling example for their fellow citizens to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernest Crouch of McMinnville, one of the most respected and diligent stewards of the public trust that this Body has ever known, was most assuredly one such stellar citizen; and

WHEREAS, during the course of his thirty years as a member of the General Assembly, serving six years in the House of Representatives and twenty-four years in the Senate, Senator Ernest Crouch was a respected figure on Capitol Hill and was prominent among his colleagues as a highly capable and conscientious legislator; and

WHEREAS, always an astute and eager participant in the legislative process, Senator Crouch served in several essential leadership positions in the Senate, including Majority Leader, Chairman of the Finance, Ways and Means and State and Local Government committees; and

WHEREAS, upon leaving the Senate in 1985, Ernest Crouch was serving quite adroitly as Majority Caucus Chairman, a post he had held since 1977, and as a member of the Finance, Ways and Means, General Welfare and Government Operations committees; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crouch was the driving force behind much important and essential legislation during his tenure in the General Assembly, legislation that was often preparatory to Tennessee's entry into a "brave new world"; and

WHEREAS, the welfare, both educational and physical, of Tennesseans was Senator Crouch's first concern, as evidenced by his co-sponsorship of legislation that established and funded the medical school at East Tennessee State University and an area vocational school program; and

WHEREAS, Senator Crouch was also a fervent supporter of state parks and he worked assiduously to establish many of these natural monuments within the Department of Conservation; and

WHEREAS, a pharmacist by profession, Senator Crouch attended Martin College and the University of Tennessee and was a graduate of Atlanta's Crowe School of Pharmacy, where he received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his practiced excellence, Ernest Crouch was named Pharmacist of the Year by the Tennessee Pharmaceutical Association; and

WHEREAS, he was also the proud recipient of a University of Tennessee Distinguished Service Award which was conferred upon him in appreciation of his excellent service to that venerable institution; and

WHEREAS, Senator Ernest Crouch's many stalwart efforts in service of this great state stand unparalleled in excellence and longevity in the annals of Tennessee legislative history; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that a certain bridge in his home county should bear his honorable name; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That in commemoration of his legacy of compassionate and effective public service and his tireless commitment to the public good, the bridge that spans Hickory Creek at Log Mile 0.64 on State Secondary Route 286 (State Route 55) in McMinnville, Warren County, is hereby designated as the "Ernest Crouch Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Ernest Crouch Memorial Bridge".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

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